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ABSTRACT

Current educational and juvenile justice systems rely greatly on punishment and "power over" strategies-- especially when faced with youth whose severe behaviors escalate to violence. This book attempts to go beyond the typical problem-focused book, offering field-tested, concrete prevention and intervention strategies that can be used to help even the most challenging children and adolescents. Drawing from the best resiliency models and their collective professional experience with society's most difficult kids, the authors present a new approach to positive youth development. Based on the authors' work at Starr Commonwealth with court-ordered youths, this book challenges the notion of any child being "too far gone" to be helped. By reframing rebellious acts as signs of resilience, the authors propose instead the natural self-righting tendencies of youths who are progressing toward normal adult development, despite adverse circumstances. (Contains 241 references.) (GCP)

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